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SUBJECT: COFFEE -- MEXICAN PROPOSAL AND COMMENTS FOR
NEW ICA

REF: (A) LONDON 1862, (B) LONDON 1415

1. SUMMARY: MEXICAN "PROPOSAL" FOR NEW COFFEE AGREE-
MENT, CIRCULATED FEBRUARY 3, IS MORE A PROPAGANDA PIECE
THAN SERIOUS EFFORT TOWARD A NEW ICA. LIKELY EFFECT IS
THAT MEXICO'S IMAGE IN PRESENT PRE-NEGOTIATIONS, ALREADY
TARNISHED BY ACTIVITY OF MEXICAN DELEGATE FAUSTINO CANTU,
WILL BE FURTHER ERODED IN EYES OF PRODUCERS AND
CONSUMERS ALIKE. END SUMMARY.

2. LONG-PROMISED MEXICAN PROPOSAL FOR A NEW INTERNA-
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TIONAL COFFEE AGREEMENT (ICA) WAS FINALLY CIRCULATED
FEBRUARY 3. THE DOCUMENT, THIN IN BOTH SIZE AND INTEL-
LECTUAL CONTENT, CONTRIBUTES NOTHING IN THE WAY OF
NEW IDEAS TO THE PRESENT PRE-NEGOTIATIONS FOR A NEW ICA
AND WILL PROBABLY BE CHALKED UP BY PRODUCERS AND CONSUMERS
ALIKE AS A RATHER CRUDE PROPAGANDA EFFORT--ONE MORE MIS-
ADVENTURE BY THE MEXICAN DELEGATE, FAUSTINO CANTU (REF B)
IN HIS ATTEMPT TO PLAY COFFEE POLITICS.

3. DOCUMENT BEGINS BY RECITING "BASIC PRINCIPLES"
GOVERNING "THE SPIRIT OF INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION,"
E.G., "MUTUAL ADVANTAGE AND EQUITABLE BENEFIT FOR THE
PROMOTION OF INTERNATIONAL SOCIAL JUSTICE," AND "STRICT
COMPLIANCE WITH INTERNATIONAL OBLIGATIONS." PRIMARY
SUGGESTION PUT FORWARD FOR A NEW ICA IS THAT THE TEXT OF
ARTICLE 5 OF THE CHARTER OF ECONOMIC RIGHTS AND DUTIES OF
STATES BE INCORPORATED IN ANY NEW ICA (THIS ARTICLE
LINKS THE RIGHT TO FORM PRODUCER ORGANIZATIONS AND LDC

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GROWTH ASPIRATIONS; IT EXHORTS ALL STATES TO RESPECT THIS RIGHT). OTHER SUGGESTIONS WERE: (A) INCLUSION OF A PARAGRAPH IN THE PREAMBLE RECOGNIZING THE IMPORTANCE OF AN AGREEMENT FOR THE COFFEE INDUSTRIES OF CONSUMER COUNTRIES, (B) INCLUSION IN THE OBJECTIVES OF THE ICA OF A PROVISION FOR EXPORT PRICES "TO REFLECT THE REAL TERMS OF TRADE AND BE ADJUSTABLE IN ACCORDANCE WITH CHANGES IN WORLD ECONOMIC CONDITIONS IN PURSUIT OF THE GENUINE SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT OF COFFEE GROWERS," (C) SHARED INCREASE IN CONSUMPTION (SIC), (D) CREATION OF A JOINTLY FINANCED INTERNATIONAL COFFEE FUND, (E) AN

EQUITABLE REDISTRIBUTION OF VOTES, AND (F) CREATION OF A BUFFER STOCK. ALL OF THESE SUGGESTIONS WERE SET FORTH IN BAREST OUTLINE, WITH NO ATTEMPT TO DEFINE TERMS NOR TO EXPLAIN MECHANISMS THAT WOULD BE REQUIRED.

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4. COMMENT: THIS DOCUMENT IS IN SHARP CONTRAST TO OTHER COUNTRY PROPOSALS SO FAR SUBMITTED AND INDEED TO THE GENERALLY WORKMANLIKE AND NON-POLEMIC NATURE OF THE PRE-NEGOTIATIONS DISCUSSIONS HELD SINCE THE CONVENING OF THE WORKING GROUP ON NEGOTIATIONS OF A NEW ICA ON JANUARY 6.

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